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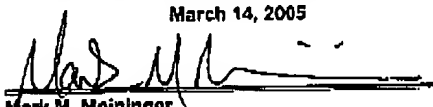
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NOTICE OF IMPROPERLY ABANDONDED APPLICATION

Pursuant to 37 CFR Sec. 1.8 (b), applicants hereby inform the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office that the above-referenced application was improperly abandoned on January 4, 2005. Applicants attach a duplicate copy of the response to the June 18, 2004 Office action, which response was timely mailed on December 17, 2004 and included an executed certificate of mailing in conformance with 37 CFR Sec. 1.8 (a). PAIR shows that applicants' response was received by the Office on December 20, 2004, which was two weeks before the mailing of the Notice of Abandonment.

The below-listed attorney hereby attests that based on his personal knowledge, the attached response was timely mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 17, 2004 along with check no. 6198 for \$510.00 to cover the extension fee and related extension request.

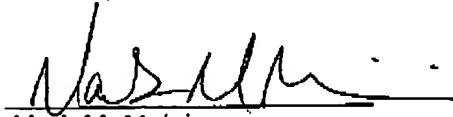
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In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent
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Respectfully submitted,

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